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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A fluid monitoring apparatus for monitoring a fluid in a

fluid mains supply, the apparatus comprising means for connecting the apparatus to

the mains supply, a testing chamber, a fluid tester for testing a variable of a fluid in the

testing chamber and a purger for purging a volume of fluid from the testing chamber

which volume of fluid is substantially larger than the volume of the testing chamber,

thereby replacing the fluid in the testing chamber with a new fluid volume, and in which

the apparatus comprises a pressure sensor for measuring the fluid pressure.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): A fluid monitoring apparatus according to claim 1, in

which the apparatus is adapted for coupling to a hydrant connected to the mains supply.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A fluid monitoring apparatus according to claim 1,

in which the apparatus comprises a purge controller for controlling the purger to

determine the volume to be purged.

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Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A fluid monitoring apparatus according to claim 4,

wherein the purge controller uses the measured pressure to determine the period for

which the purger should operate.

Claim 6 (Original): A fluid monitoring apparatus according to claim 5, in which the

period is determined by comparing the pressure in a look-up table for a suitable purge

time

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A fluid monitoring apparatus according to claim 4, in

which the purge controller comprises a microprocessor,

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A fluid monitoring apparatus claim 1, in which the

purger is configured to act for a purge time such that the fluid from the mains supply

enters the testing chamber.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A fluid monitoring apparatus according to claim 1,

in which the fluid tester comprises a turbidity tester.

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Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A fluid monitoring apparatus according to claim 1,

in which the apparatus comprises an electrical conductivity tester.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A fluid monitoring apparatus according to claim 1,

in which the apparatus comprises a temperature tester.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A fluid monitoring apparatus according to claim 1, in

which the apparatus is configured whereby purged fluid is purged from the apparatus to

atmosphere.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A fluid monitoring apparatus according to claim 1, in

which the apparatus comprises a memory for storing fluid test information.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A fluid monitoring apparatus according to claim 1, in

which the apparatus comprises data download means to enable data from the memory

to be downloaded to an external device.

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Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A fluid monitoring apparatus according to claim 1,

in which the apparatus comprises a power cell.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): A fluid monitoring apparatus according to claim 1, in

which the fluid comprises a liquid.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A fluid monitoring apparatus according to claim 1, in

which the liquid comprises water.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A fluid monitoring apparatus according to claim 1.

in which the mains supply is a mains water supply.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A fluid monitoring apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the fluid monitoring apparatus is coupled to a fluid mains containing a fluid

mains supply by the means for connecting the apparatus to the fluid mains supply A

fluid mains to which an apparatus according to claim 1 is coupled.

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Claim 20 (Original): A fluid mains according to claim 19, in which the fluid mains is a

liquid mains.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A fluid mains according to claim 49 or claim 20, in

which the liquid mains is a water mains.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A method of operating a fluid monitoring apparatus for

monitoring a fluid in a fluid mains supply, which method comprises the steps of

connecting the apparatus to a mains supply, testing a variable of a fluid in a testing

chamber and purging a volume of fluid from the testing chamber which volume of fluid is

substantially larger than the volume of the testing chamber, thereby replacing the fluid in

the testing chamber with a new fluid volume, in which the fluid pressure is measured by

a fluid sensor.

A fluid monitoring apparatus for monitoring a fluid in a fluid mains Claim 23 (New):

supply, the apparatus comprising means for connecting the apparatus to the mains

supply, a testing chamber, a fluid tester for testing a variable of a fluid in the testing

chamber and a purger for purging a volume of fluid from the testing chamber which

volume of fluid is substantially larger than the volume of the testing chamber, thereby

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replacing the fluid in the testing chamber with a new fluid volume, and in which the fluid tester comprises a turbidity tester.